

Foremost Expert on CTE to Speak at SWOSU on October 5

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Dr. Ann McKee—considered to be the United States' foremost expert on Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)—will speak Thursday, October 5, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

CTE is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain found commonly in athletes and military personnel with a history of repetitive brain trauma, including symptomatic concussions as well as asymptomatic subconcussive hits to the head.

McKee's talk at SWOSU is open to the public and free of charge. She will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

Her talk—The Neurological Consequences of Brain Injury in Football—is sponsored by the SWOSU Department of Psychology and funded by the Dianne Hunter Lectureship in Psychology.

McKee has testified in front of Congress about the role of football in CTE. She has appeared frequently on HBO's *Real Sports* and was featured in the documentary *A League of Denial*. She is a neurologist at Boston University.

Dr. Melinda Burgess, professor in the SWOSU Department of Psychology, said McKee's talk is geared to parents and anyone interested in the subject. For additional information, contact Burgess at 580.774.3724 or melinda.burgess@swosu.edu.